



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

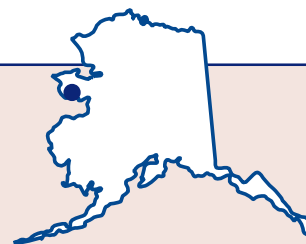
Nome, AK

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Nome was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The city of 3,505 residents, 62 percent of whom are Inupiat Eskimos, is an isolated community accessible only by aircraft or ship during the ice-free months. It is a poor, barren region where subsistence fishing, hunting and gathering activities are prevalent. The Nome Airport provides a critical lifeline between all of the regional communities and advanced medical care in Anchorage. The city-owned electric power generation facility that distributes electricity to the residences, businesses, and health care facilities of Nome extends into the clear airway zone of the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration, believing that this is a safety hazard, has demanded that the plant move to another location. By moving the facility to this new location, the community will achieve a safe runway for the airport.



Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$193,692 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Nome for a cleanup grant. The grant will target the proposed relocation site for the city's new power plant at 504 Port Road, also known as Block 21 of the Nome Airport. The funds will be used to clean up petroleum-contaminated soil and groundwater and to conduct monitoring activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

Grant Recipient: Nome, AK
907-443-6587

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Nome has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.